

January 26, 2011

Ms. Vickie Sue Davis  
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Federal Election Commission  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: 12 Day Pre-Election Report (10/1/10 - 10/13/10)

Dear Ms. Davis:

Pursuant to your letter dated December 9, 2010 regarding five contribuitons from political committees not registered with the Federal Election Commission, I submit the folowing information.

Cleburne County Democratic Central Committee, Fulton County Democratic Committee, Lee County Democratic Central Committee, and Randolph County Democratic Central Committee are county democratic committees located in the First Congressional District of Arkansas. I talked with either the Chairman or Treasurer of each committee who informed me their source of funding is almost 100% from filing fees received from candidates who run in the State Democratic Primary election for offices on the county level (County Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Treasurer, etc) or municipal level (Mayor, City Attorney, Alderman, etc). The filing fees are paid by check written on either the candidate's personal account or his campaign account. The filing fees range from \$50 to \$1000. Corporate checks are not accepted in payment of filing fees. The county committees do not actively solicit contributions because they do not want to compete with democratic candidates for donations. The committee members I talked with were aware that they could not contribute more than \$1,000 to Federal committees per election cycle without registering with the Federal Election Commission.

I talked with the chairman of the Democratic Veterans Cacus of Arkansas who stated their funding came from a \$2,000 donation from the Democratic Party of Arkansas. They were told the money could be used for any purpose including contributions to State and Federal candidates.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding these items, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Richardson  
Treasurer